

A LEADING QUESTION.

WHAT WILL THE WORLD BE LIKE
A HUNDRED YEARS HENCE?

The City of Rome Will Be an Antediluvian Curiosity. Steamships Will Be Fashioned as Donkey Power. The Sea, and the Sky, and the Trees Not Old Fashioned.

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IN THE CUSTOM HOUSE.

BILL NYE TELLS ABOUT NEW YORK'S
GREAT ARCHITECTURAL FAUX PAS.

He Has a Talk and Takes Luncheon with
Collector Erhardt, Learns Some Things
About Government and Civil Service,
and Studies a Trained Chair.

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It is reported that when Juan De Verazzano in 1524 discovered the Bay of New York, and had been looked over from a therapeutic standpoint by Dr. Smith at quarantine, he proceeded at last at once to select a site for a custom house and place it in the hands of able men, several of whom are still at their desks in a pretty fair state of preservation.

The present custom house is an imposing gray granite architectural faux pas, with a low, retreating forehead like that

of the pickler. It is an inconvenient stone quarry with fluted columns, and I would say, seems to be a cross between a long neglected cistern and a second hand sarcophagus.

If this be treason make the most of it. I've already had an Indian outbreak this winter, and I do not mind a little set-to with the government, as I had funds left over after adjusting the Indian difficulty.

The New York custom house is a triumph of inconvenience, a miracle of misanthropy and architectural deformities. It is a sort of compromise, so far as comfort goes, between the massive, rectangular residence of the cave dweller and the root cellar of the renaissance.

There is no room in it, no elevator, no effort to be fireproof above the first floor, no light, no air, no method, no comfort and no economy. Venerable officials and employees who were there to show Henry Hudson over the building are still using the same tin cuspidors made of the inverted lid of the tin dinner pail of the past. The same sand is in them yet.

Monarchies have risen, flourished and decayed, kings have been born, cut their eye teeth, reigned a few lonesome weeks and moldered back into plebeian dust. Emperors have risen, and in a few years practically dictated to the world for a time, but their dust is in the mighty brick yard of the past, and the winds of heaven are whistling through the tattered upholstery of their vacant thrones, but the gray sand in the tin cuspidors of the custom house of the United States smiles mockingly at the swift and hungry centuries.

The custom house is ornamented with a big granite porch, supported by the government and a row of massive fluted columns as devoid of beauty as the animated drumstick of the antique chorus girl. This porch is expensive, but without use or beauty. In this respect it resembles the average case of typhoid imitative Englishman.

The first thing encountered in the interior is a rotunda, which presents the bright and ever changing scenery noticeable from the bottom of a drilled well. It started out to be the arena for a cock fight, changed its mind and sought to be a dry cistern; then securing a political pull it proceeded to become the rotunda of the custom house, and every effort to remove it has so far proved unavailing.

Entering the large corner room where sits the collector of the port—and other dutiable beverages—I found Mr. Erhardt with his back to the fire and his face to the foe.

He comes down about 9 a. m. and works till 5 o'clock in the evening, lunching in his office.

By hanging around till about 1 o'clock I was invited to lunch with him. Hon. James W. Husted sat and conversed while we ate. The artist will kindly make a rather pleasing drawing of the three scholarly gentlemen as they appeared at the time.

A man went by the door and looked cautiously in. Afterward I heard him say to another man that he understood the Sutherland sisters were lunching together today. They then, both of them, burst into a low, coarse laugh.

The correspondence room is a very busy place, and hundreds of letters intended for the collector's private eye are carefully opened and read by Mr. Jeffries, who came to New York in the fall of 1892, and at once went to work at his present job. I refer to this matter of correspondence because a great many people think that by marking a letter to a high official as private or personal it will be read only by him and immediately placed under his pillow at night. The collector can, however, have no secrets during office hours, at least through the mails and hardly viva voce.

The cashier's room interested me a good deal. It always does wherever I go. So, with the collector to vouch for me, I went through the little dingy offices and dens where as high as a million and a half per day is handled. This money, as Col. Jones explained, is either in the form of a specially certified check or currency, and the latter is constantly assorted into the proper denominations, so that at the time for handing over to the sub-treasury at evening, quarters are in their proper parcels, duly counted, as likewise small change and large up to the ten thousand dollar bill which I held in my hand quite a while.

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However, with a suspicion growing, I dare say, out of his long and busy contact with sharpers and men of little principle, he watched me eagerly. I noticed, and sent an employee to the window to look at the peculiarly mottled appearance of the sky.

One of the best experts on bills and silver counterfeits in the country, no doubt, has his little cage in the cashier's office. He cannot always explain why he does not like a bill or a silver piece, but he knows he does not choose any of it, and a test shows that he is correct. Long after I left this department Col. Jones showed me a \$20 bill, and asked me if I saw anything peculiar about it. I said no, I did not, aside from the fact that a \$20 bill always did have a novel appearance to me.

"Well," said he, "that is a counterfeit. It was detected just after you went out."

I convinced him after a while that I did not do it, though.

The bill had been duly photographed, and then all the work, back and front, carefully done over with a pen. It was a pretty good looking bill. Mr. Urban detected it while a nervous person would be engaged in calculating the words Jack Robinson. Mr. Urban is one of the men who holds his office by right of eternal fitness, and nobody ever ventures to ask him what his politics may be or used to be. It is a secret between him and high heaven. That is the way it should be.

If a man could make himself absolutely necessary to his employer or his government, and then remain there at his post instead of having to go out for three months every year to yell for his party till the rich, ripe rum mantled to his luscious bungle, there would be a net saving to the world in 200 years that would buy some man a nice little farm.

The cashier's office has a system of three checks, whereby the counter, the bookkeeper and the teller are guarding against each other's mistakes, and so accurate is this matter that in a day's work ranging from \$100,000 to \$1,500,000 the footings of the three are alike to a cent.

The certified check, in the ordinary sense of the term, does not go to the custom house. The bank may be ever so good; its certificate must be to the effect that so much money is on deposit to its credit at the sub-treasury, and when that account is overdrawn, if only for five cents, that check waits till the account is made good again.

When you pay duties the fact that you are the president of a bank or the head of a family does not count. Ready money or the certificate of the sub-treasury alone goes.

In one corner of the cashier's department is a headman's block, near it a stilted punch and a sledge hammer. When a coin is found to be worthless it is carefully laid on this block, the pinking iron is placed upon it and then a strong man hits it a welt with the sledge.

After knocking the essential tar out of the coin, as one may say, it is politely returned to the owner, who has to make it good. The idea, as the bright-eyed reader has already discovered, no doubt, is to prevent its circulation, and that is almost invariably the result.

Civil service has its odd and rather amusing features to one, at least, who sees the ridiculous readily. For instance, there is a position under the government in the customs which requires that a man who fills it shall, to the best of his ability, knock off the lids of boxes by means of a cold chisel and hammer.

The knowledge of Euclid or the binomial theorem is not absolutely necessary, the principal thing being to avoid pulling out the thumb nail while pulling the other nails. But the civil service requires that he shall know certain things, whether he can knock off the lid of the box or not. One of these men has to stand upon a set of cyclopedias in order to reach the top of a big box.

In the language of a friend, "he is up on books, but he is short on stature." The civil service does not ask him how tall he is, but whether a given line, bisecting the base of an isosceles triangle and running due east toward a given point, will also bisect the circumference of a given circle whose radius is perpendicular to the base of the isosceles triangle.

Take also the case of a man whose duty it is to pack and unpack valuable bric-a-brac. Those who have put in a year or two packing and unpacking without breakage, costly china, marble, glass and other trink will agree with me that this is extremely important, although a civil service examination does not touch the question. Of course it is well for a man who drives a team for the custom house to know that "evolu-

ties. The collector seems to take kindly to civil service. I judged, and although he courteously laughed when I referred to these illustrations, he did not give way to mirth as I have seen people do. He is kind to those who have served well and faithfully, and seems to cling to faithful employees wherever the public weal requires it or will be best served. I think that is what he said, though the word weal is one that I know very little of. He says that gross incompetence, intemperance or indolence would always meet with a prompt dismissal.

"And what would you regard as a pronounced case of indolence in the service of the government, Mr. Erhardt?"

"Well, the government is not generally severe on its employees, I think. For instance, I knew of a man who acted for many years as a watchman for the government, and while the president was down there at Washington this man held up his corner of the great national fabric by attending the theatre while on watch. He slept at the government building, but took his meals at home. Thus he got his salary for his lodging, and often received a box at the theatre on the strength of his relations with the government. He is now not in it."

"But regarding violent and long continued attacks of indolence, does the government fire such cases?"

"Yes, always. Ultimately. The policy of the government has been rather pacific, and yet where a man has become so sedentary that he can sit down on an open Barlow knife and go to sleep we look into his case. Should he occupy all day a chair on which there is an open eight bladed knife, with a corkscrew in the back, also open, and then at night go home with the knife adhering to his person, we call for his resignation."

Speaking about chairs, while I was in the office word came that there had been orders issued from Washington that some of the office furniture should be repaired. It seems that some time ago a special agent of that department called on the collector. The latter showed him a chair. The agent said he did not care to sit. "Yes, yes, sit down," said the genial clerk who presides over the revenue and sits serene beneath the peculiar banner of the custom house; "take that chair right there."

The agent did so, and the collector conversed with him. Every little while the agent would put some more chalk on the leather seat of the chair and remount it, but in a few minutes he would fall off, and just barely catch himself and get out of the way before the chair stumbled and fell on him. Finally he said he guessed he must go, and as he did so the revolutionary chair slid out from under him, and going over in the corner crossed its legs and put its arms behind its back.

"Now," said the collector, "I beg your pardon for offering you that chair, but I wanted to ask you if it would be possible to get hold of an appropriation from which a suitable amount could be secured for the purpose of fixing that chair. There isn't a bar-back rider in the United States who can keep his seat there over two and one-half minutes at present, and I am tired of replacing people who have fallen off that chair."

It is going to be repaired now. Also a man who cleans cisterns is going to whitewash the rotunda if the government would not deem it a man's nest.

I sometimes think that if the United States would give more time to large affairs, like reciprocity and statesmanship, instead of running wildly a mile and a half every time an old mare flicks cackling joyously from the nest, we would have more progress in the house for a given sum than we now have.

Bill Nye

P. S.—I will write more about the custom house later on. E. W. N.

A Poor Adviser.

Old Man Moneybags (facetiously)—Come, my dear, aren't you going to advise me? Here's a man that wants me to lend him ten thousand dollars on his Acheson stock. Now what do you advise me to do?

Young Wife—Why, you know that I don't know anything about money.

Old Man Moneybags—Don't know anything about money! That's pretty good, when you made as much in one day as I have made in all my life.

Young Wife—Why, when was that?

Old Man Moneybags (apocryphally)—When you married me.

Young Wife—Yes, but all my friends have told me that I couldn't have made a worse bargain.—Boston Courier

A Correct Summation.

"Excuse me, Mr. Travers," said the tailor, "but a gentleman named Jagway was in yesterday and wanted to order some clothes. I was a trifle suspicious of him, sir. He said he was a friend of yours and referred me to you."

"Of course," said Travers, "Jagway is all right. Why, sir, that fellow is just as good as I am."

"Yes, sir," replied the tailor sadly, "that is just what I thought."—Clothes and Furnishers.

A Mean Swindle.

Mistress—Did you ask for milk bread? Domestic—Yes, mum.

"What a miserable little loaf they gave you!"

"Yes, mum; it's my opinion, mum, that that baker is using condensed milk."—New York Weekly.

A Big Business.

Swampy to new-boy—Hello, Stokesy! How's trade?

Stokesy (cheerfully)—Trade's rising, but I just took in a lead dime, and that knocks the profits for today.—Harper's Bazar.

One, but Not the Other.

Lapham—Have you the courage to lend me five dollars?

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A Letter to the Star and Friends of Rector Lucas, from St. Joseph, Mo.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 23—Again and again, Mr. Editor, I have purposed to drop you a short epistle from here, and through you to my Marion friends, to all of whom it is impossible to write.

We have been here now nearly three months, perhaps sufficiently long to have learned a few things of the place and the people.

The political complexion of the state of Missouri would itself suggest that its population is predominantly southern, and the dialect of the people here would persuade one who otherwise might be ignorant of the fact. Of course there is not much of the southern slowness in the business life of the Missouri cities, for the young bloods are they who have gone west and so make a live, wideawake community.

We have met a few from Ohio, but our acquaintances so far are chiefly from Virginia.

Of the four Episcopal clergymen here, two are from New York state, one from the West Indies, and your humble servant from the "bonny isle."

The pastor of the 1st Presbyterian church is a Scotchman, whose obstinacy has brought him into trouble, which led the wife of one of the elders to say to me very confidentially, that her husband had vowed he would never vote for another pastor who was Scotch, English or Irish, for they are all so bull-headed. A rather serious joke upon the listener, who with a suppressed smile hugely enjoyed the hit.

As to the church buildings St. Joseph is not very far ahead of Marion. For a city of 55,000, her churches are a disgrace to her. There is really not a fine church building in the city.

The wholesale or jobbing trade here is something marvelous. A business man informed me that in some lines of goods St. Joseph exceeds Kansas City and Omaha combined. There are numbers of immense warehouses, indeed one or two streets are wholly devoted to the wholesale trade.

The city is shaped somewhat like an amphitheatre. The old and southern part of the city being built upon the bottom along the Missouri river, then in ascending tiers in semi-circular form, the business and newer residence portion of the city has been built up.

The northern part is quite hilly. It is rather amusing to a stranger in walking over this portion to see, after the grading that has been done, some of the houses standing up high and dry, reached only by several flights of very steep steps, and others that used to be on a level with the street, are left so far below the present grade, that the cone is lower than the street.

To one who has lived so long upon the plains and become so accustomed to walk on the level it is a rather laborious task to travel these streets.

Ten years ago there were but three houses in this part of the city, now two thirds at least of the ground is built upon.

My church is in this part of the city. Three years ago a mission Sunday school was started in a cottage, since then a church has been built, and next spring an additional structure will probably be built.

My people have rented us a house in the north of the city which stands up well, overlooking the city and catching the bracing breezes as they come sweeping along. The change promises to be highly beneficial to Mrs. Lucas' health, and my own health is superb.

The climate so far has been very delightful. In the eleven weeks we have only had three or four rainy days. The atmosphere seems to be pure and bracing, and so far, all in all, we are well pleased with Missouri.

We are easily fixed in our new home, the front bay window giving us a magnificent view of the city, the meandering river, and the distant hills.

Last evening we were given a thorough-going western reception.

We anticipate a pleasant and profitable pastorate. Our Sunday school is in some respects as good as any I have been in for some years. And in conclusion I wish to say to our friends that we will be glad to hear from them, the letters already received are legion, and shall hope to be kept in communication with our friends in Marion, to all of whom we wish a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Very Sincerely,
W. L. RIES.

—Marion lodge, No. 70, F. and A. M., held one of the most interesting sessions in its history, at Masonic hall, Friday evening. The occasion was the installation of officers and work in the Third degree, which was followed by an elegant banquet, supplied by C. W. Criswell. There were about one hundred present to enjoy the festivities, among them an unusual number of visitors. Representative visitors were present from lodges at Wabash, Ind., Richwood, Delta, Prospect, Barnesville, Chicago, Lakota, Columbus, New Lexington, West Salem and Fredonia, Lackawanna county. It was quite an enjoyable fraternal gathering.

—W. B. Everett came in home from a month on the road for the N. E. and J. Morral & Co., during which time he met with very gratifying success. But the Morral factory should be located in Marion. On the road Mr. Everett was guilty of the pardonable misrepresentation of saying Morral was a suburb of Marion. The institution would have been here if they had been any way of opening some tight business money bags.

The special quality of Ayer's Hair Vigor is that it restores the natural growth, color, and texture of the hair. It vitalizes the roots, and follows the downward growth, and is a valuable humors in the scalp. In this respect, it surpasses all similar preparations.

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One of the strong, vigorous and eminently prosperous life and fire insurance corporations of the country. The name of the Union Central stands for strength of resources and integrity of management.—T. S. Review, Philadelphia.

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All through the East, in what may be called the "life insurance center of the country," among the officers of the largest companies and the agents in general, the Union Central is regarded as one of the soundest and best of their competitors for business. Students of life insurance statistics know that the Union Central stands pre-eminent in one or two prominent features. It can safely be said that no other life insurance company in the country stands higher in the city of its organization than the Union Central.—Insurance Times, New York.

Among the fast coming companies of the United States.—Finance Chronicle, Montreal.

This company is all the time getting closer and closer to the head of the class.—Western Insurance Review, St. Louis.

This company is successfully carrying out the policy it inaugurated a few years ago.—Insurance Monitor, New York.

The results of the business for last year are very flattering to the management.—Insurance Agent, New Orleans.

It exhibits a progress and popularity unparalleled. The best of all life features, in the interest and for the safety of the insured, is that it has honest working men at the head of it.—Insurance and Commercial Magazine, New York.

The Union Central Life is flawless in reputation. It is a company that the people of the Central States are proud of, and that all have every confidence in. Its home managers are men of thorough skill and complete uprightness.—Western Insurance Review.

WHAT THE GOVERNORS THINK OF US. STATE OF OHIO, EXECUTIVE DEPT., OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, COLUMBUS, APRIL 30, 1890

MY DEAR SIR: I am personally acquainted with the officers of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, and know them to be men of integrity and high standing in the community. The company ranks as one of the soundest and most responsible doing business in Ohio, and I cheerfully recommend it to all who are seeking investments in safe and reliable insurance. Sincerely,
JAMES E. CAMPBELL,
Hon. James E. Lowry, Washington, D. C.

From Hon. J. B. Foraker, Ex-Governor of Ohio. DEAR SIR: The reputation of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, is first-class. The men who are managing and controlling it are gentlemen of the very highest and best character, who enjoy the confidence and esteem of all the people of Cincinnati and our state in general. I do not question that it is as safe and reliable a company as can be found in the United States. Very truly yours,
J. B. FORAKER.

From Hon. Charles Foster, Ex-Gov. of Ohio. FOSTORIA, May 5, 1890.—The Union Central Life Insurance Co., has a most excellent standing in the State of Ohio. It is regarded here as a staunch and progressive institution. Its officials are men of character and integrity. I have full confidence in its future. CHARLES FOSTER.

To Judge James E. Lowry, Washington, D. C. From Wm. H. Currier, President of the Whitney & Currier Co., Toledo, Ohio. NEW YORK, May 1, 1890. GENTLEMEN: I regard the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, as one of the strongest and best managed life insurance companies of the United States. I have policies in other companies standing very high, but none have paid larger dividends, nor are they, in my opinion, stronger financially in proportion to liabilities, nor better managed than the Union Central. Yours respectfully,
Wm. H. CURRIER.

The first question asked when we hear of a fire is, "How much insurance was there on the property?"

So it is in life. When a man dies almost the first thing is, "How much insurance did he carry?"

If the answer is "none," then we say, "What a pity for his family."

Do you know what Life Insurance did last year? It paid over \$67,000,000 to widows and orphans, besides some \$20,000,000 to parties who lived through the endowment period and got the money themselves, and yet there was only one dollar paid out by the people for insurance, to where there were several dollars spent for whisky.

Insurance is simply protection in case of death, and if you live out your endowment period, it simply is a saving bank with compound interest, free of tax.

Examine the life rate endowment of the Union Central and take your insurance without delay.

SMITH & CARSON, AGENTS,

Marion, - - - Ohio.

CLOSING-OUT SALE!

OF LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S

CLOAKS.

The balance of our Plush and Cloth Wraps must and will be closed out at some price. We have some elegant

Plush Sacques and Jackets

Left, which will be closed out at a sacrifice. Fine

Home-Made Blankets

In White, Red and Gray, we are selling very low. See our Black Fur Muffs at 50 Cents.

SEFFNER BROS.,

MASONIC BLOCK, - - - EAST CENTER STREET.

CUNNINGHAM & STOWE,

226 EAST CENTER ST.

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Of every description and style. New designs of Hall Lights, Cut Glass and Etched Globes.

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Brackets and Argand Burners, Colored Globes and Shades. The newest and cheapest display of

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Sanitary Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fitting. Inspect our line before purchasing elsewhere.

Cunningham & Stowe,

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Special Bargains!

From now to January 1st, H. ACKERMAN will give special bargains in his fine line of

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Now is your time to call and select. Will be delivered promptly as per orders. No better or more appreciated present can you buy for Christmas. An elegant stock to select from, and prices and terms to suit the purchaser. Also the largest assortment and best makes of

SEWING MACHINES!

Tv select from. A full stock of Guitars, Banjos, Violins, Music Boxes, Accordians, Harps and Drums for the Boys. Music Boxes and Sheet Music. Old Pianos, Organs and Machines taken in exchange.

H. ACKERMAN,

132 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MARION, O.

150—Nice residence lot on east South street, \$325.
123—Good corner lot east Center Street \$800. This is a desirable bargain.
142—Lot 60 feet front 185 deep, on Canal street, near Creamery, \$500.
138—Lot in West Marion, east of C. H. V. and T R'y, 74 feet front, \$400.
169—104 feet front on Cherry street, with 3 room house, \$1200. 1-3 cash, 1-3 1 year 1-3 2 years.
151—6 room house, with new barn, on west South street, \$1500.
102—7 room house on Kenton avenue, at a reasonable price, and terms reasonable.
We have a few lots yet in T. P. Wallace's sub division, which are very nicely located for nice homes; not many lots remain for sale on Gospel Hill.

CHASE & HUNTER,

Up Stairs, 123 W. Center St.

JOHN R. FRAME.

GEORGE M. BEICHER

FRAME & BEICHER,

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ALL who want to get themselves homes will look at this:

I Will Sell

14 Lots for \$100.00 Each

17 " " 125.00 "
17 " " 150.00 "
17 " " 175.00 "
7 " " 200.00 "

These lots are 50x150 feet, except three, which are a little smaller. I will sell ten houses, all nearly new, on payments to suit any reasonable man's asking on time and payments. All houses have wells and cisterns, and all lots are well underdrained. Here is a chance for bargains.

A. LaTourrette.

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Holiday Goods

This year. More books for Children. Blocks, Games, Toys, etc. Fine illustrated books—the new books, Fine Albums, Toilet Cases, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Leather Goods.

More fine pictures than ever. Imported studies in famous Steel Engravings, Artotypes in Oak frames. 200 new 12 Mos. at 30 and 35 cents per volume. 200 beautiful booklets—Xmas novelties.

Family Bibles, Pocketbooks, Teachers' Bibles, Foot Balls, Prayer Books, Rubber Balls, Dictionaries, Easels, Gold Pens, Fire Screens, Writing Desks, Artists' Materials, Fine Letter Paper and Boxes, 100 kinds mouldings for frames, Portrait Frames all sizes.

A better store than ever before. Freeland's new Wall Paper stock is Immense. 5000 rolls—a car load—all fine, received Nov. 29, will surpass all previous in excellence, and cheaper than ever. Will have for '91, 15,000 rolls New Wall Paper.

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Is larger than ever before and it will certainly be to your interest to see our grand display of

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Linsley & Lawrence
West Street, Between Railroads.

FOR RENT—South half of the 16-room property, on North Main street, at \$5 per month to good paying tenant. Inquire at 150 Oak street.
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FOR RENT—House of five rooms, good well and also good barn. Inquire at 150 Oak street.
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FOR RENT—Two six-room dwelling houses on Jefferson street. Inquire at 150 Oak street.
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FOR RENT—House of four rooms, central location, price \$8.50, also 1 room 24 hour, 225 east Center street, \$2.50.
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FOR RENT—Two front rooms, nicely furnished, in private house at 504 W. Center. Will rent with or without fire. Gentlemen preferred. Inquire at 504 W. Center street.

FOR SALE OR RENT—House on Elm street, well, central, summer kitchen and all conveniences. Apply to Frank G. Bender, 125 North Main street.

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For pure drugs and medicines go to Foye's.

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—28-15 J. W. THOMAS

—Holiday goods must be sold. We will offer our full line of holiday goods at reduced prices.

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Our stock of Holiday Goods consists of
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Plain and Decorated Chinaware.
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Dinner, Tea, Fruit and Toilet Sets.
Vases and Bric-a-Brac.
Plush and Morocco bound Albums,
Cuff and Collar Sets.
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes.
Toilet and Manicure Sets.

And our display of TOYS is the largest ever seen in Marion. Make your selections of Holiday Presents at

—Fresh home-made candy, cheap, at Coffy & Stone's. 28-14

—Laney bananas and Florida oranges at Moore & Dedrick's.

—Fancy eating and cooking apples. 28-15 J. W. THOMAS

—Magruder will close out all Xmas goods at cost from this date on. 31-13

—Remember Foye is getting in a new lot of fine plush cases, and at bottom prices.

—Take a look at the holiday goods at W. A. Sellers & Co.'s since the cut in prices.

—Try fresh hokey pokey bread at Moore & Dedrick's, the finest bread on earth.

—The Free Baptist church election occurs next Monday, Dec. 29. Let all members be present.

—Hand sleigh coasters, nicely painted, new and clean, the best and cheapest in the city. at J. R. Harshberger's.

—Cutter sleighs, latest styles, Portland and Swell body, car plush, raw silk and rep lined; cheap for cash, at J. R. Harshberger's.

—We have a large line of Plush albums, toilet cases, etc., that we will sell regardless of cost until Jan. 1st. 27-11 W. A. SELLERS & Co.

—New citron 22¢ per pound, new orange and lemon peel 15¢ per pound, English currants 7¢ per pound, 5 boxes sardines for 25¢, at 28-11 Coffy & Stone's.

—Mervin Kulms, the outlaw and supposed murderer of William Campbell at Fostoria, is able to be removed, and he will soon be taken to that place to be tried at the January term of court.

—Elkhart, (Ind.) Truth Watch the men who push their business during slack times, and you will discover that they understand human nature and have learned that the people look for bargains when the times are hard, and they notice the advertisements and patronize the men who seek their trade.

—The Marion Institute of Accounts will be opened by the author of Methods New and Old in Book-keeping and Business Guide, in the Fisher Block, Monday, January 5th. Instruction will be given in book-keeping, rapid calculation and business writing. The author, P. F. Wilkinson, was formerly president of the Columbus Business College. He will be at Hotel Marion on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 2d and 3d, to requested students.

—Grant Holmes is reported better by his physician, Dr. Rhu.

—Ray Martin, son of Dr. Martin, is spending the holidays in Columbus.

—F. F. Martin, of this place, spent Christmas with friends at Richwood.

—H. D. McClellan, day yardmaster in the C. and E. yards, is on the sick list.

—Frank Robinson returned to Huntington this morning after a three days' visit in this city.

—Mrs. Mary Blue, of Marysville, O., is visiting her son and family, R. Martin, on George street.

—Misses Mary Walsh and Anna Callahan are on an extended visit with relatives and friends in Cleveland.

—Richwood Gazette. Miss Anna Menley, of Marion, is the welcome guest of friends here during holidays.

—S. A. Coffy is slowly but perceptibly recovering from his serious sickness, being able to set up on different occasions a short time.

—Yardmaster McClellan is threatened with an attack of fever, and is laying off from his duties in the Erie yards in consequence.

—Miss Ollie Briggs, W. J. Briggs and wife and Ed Smith returned Friday from Forest, Ohio, where they had been visiting Mr. Briggs' parents.

—That was a fine Christmas gift of Mrs. Frank King to her husband, at their home on the Boulevard Christmas eve. 'Twas a bright boy baby.

—C. L. Mains, superintendent of the passenger department of Chicago and Erie, was in the city Friday, and called on Conductor Frank Arrowsmith while here.

—George Keener and wife, of Chicago, arrived in the city Friday night, to spend a few weeks with relatives. Mr. Keener has recovered from his recent sickness, but is still unable to resume his work.

—G. D. Miller and wife, of Mercer county, Ill., are visiting the Everetts and Harveys, north of Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were former residents here, and have old friends who are delighted with their visit.

—James Bryan, accompanied by Mr. Solinger, of Newark, went to Toledo today to select machinery for the Wyman Co.'s works. Mr. Solinger is to be foreman of the wood working department of the new manufactory.

—F. E. Merrill, superintendent of the C. and E., and W. E. Purif, master mechanic of the same road, passed through here Friday on the way to their headquarters at Huntington, having been in the East over Christmas.

—Mrs. H. A. Martin and son, Ray, Mrs. T. H. Linsley and Miss Nellie have gone to Midland City, Mich., to attend the marriage of Miss Ella Waldo to Mr. J. W. Hand, of Denver, Col. The bride has many friends here who will be pleased to hear of her marriage.

—W. N. Robinson, who has an oil burner that is pronounced one of unusual excellence, informs the press that every time manufacturer in the county is now using oil for fuel in burning their time. The Owens kilns at Owen were fitted out with oil burners this week.

—Court will convene Monday to hear a case or two, and will probably then adjourn until next term, which will open the 23d of February. A number of cases have been left over until that term, and with a number of new cases the docket promises to be an interesting one.

—Irwin & Mayer, the contractors, have completed the work on the Marion sewer, and all that remains is to get final acceptance of the job by the town and council. The work has been done very well and many of the circumstances, and at a price that has been very remunerative to the contractors. Marion has a sewer system beginning to take shape, and it remains to be seen how long it will be before it is complete, or sufficiently so to be of use.

A CASE OF DESTITUTION

A sad case of destitution was reported to Mayor Dudley Thursday evening that calls for sympathy and aid. It was that of a poverty and whose stricken home in the extreme North End, containing a wife and three small children and a drunken husband. The mother and children were found Friday in a half-starving condition by a generous-hearted neighbor who has thoughtfully carried them in a Christmas dinner. The mother stated that they had had nothing to eat the past few days but crusts of dry bread, and they had at the time just broken up a chair to burn in order to keep her children from freezing, while the husband and father absorbed the heat in a down-town saloon. It was a sorry Christmas spectacle to those who witnessed it, and amid the merry-making and thanksgiving of a joyous feast-day, too. Action has been taken whereby the sufferings of the family can be alleviated.

Badly Bruised.
John Marshall, a C. and E. freight brakeman who resides in this city, was the victim of an unfortunate and serious accident Christmas day. He was on his way home, on train 84, and arriving at Spencerville the train stopped to take on more cars, and while at this work Mr. Marshall fell from one of the cars. He was picked up by the crew and taken back to Huntington, where it was found that he had sustained serious bruises from his fall. It is thought that no bones were broken, but Mr. Marshall will be obliged to lay off for some time on account of the accident.

An Arm Broken.
The wife of Rev. Rhinehalt, residing on the Hill, received a hard fall Christmas night, which resulted in the fracture of her left arm. The lady, who is about fifty years of age, was in the rear of her home at the time of the accident. Her son Frank, who had returned from the Western Reserve University at Hudson, O., to spend the holidays, was approaching the house, and in hurrying in to meet him Mrs. Rhinehalt fell upon the steps, breaking her forearm. Dr. Rhu attended the injured lady.

Notice to stockholders.
MARION, O., Dec. 16th, 1890.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Marion Steam Shovel company, for the election of officers, and transaction of such other business as may properly be presented, will be held at the office of the company in Bennett Building, Marion, O., on Monday the 30th day of January, 1891, at 2.30 p. m.
J. L. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

Notice to stockholders.
MARION, O., Dec. 16th, 1890.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of stockholders of The Marion Malleable Iron Company, for the election of officers, and transaction of such other business as may properly be presented, will be held at the office of the company, Marion, O., on Monday, the 30th day of January, 1891, at 9 o'clock a. m.
J. L. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

Confirmed.
The favorable impression produced on the first appearance of the agreeable liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs a few years ago has been more than confirmed by the pleasant experience of all who have used it, and the success of the proprietors and manufacturers the California Fig Syrup Company.

Notice to stockholders.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Marion Manufacturing Co. will be held at the office of the company, Monday, January 5th, 1891, at 7.30 p. m.
J. W. STRINGER, Sec'y.

Business Room For Rent.
Fine business room on north Main street, west side, 16x30, with suitable outbuildings for storing, also good well and cistern. Will lease at reasonable price for term of years. Apply to
S. R. DUNN.

Several of the Masonic brethren are discussing Jim Knapp's pretense for the way oysters are served. The fact is Jim likes them in any style and a little irregularity like that at the banquet Friday night doesn't disturb him in the least.

"An Army Portia,"

A Military Romance by the Celebrated Writer,
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If you have read any of Captain King's earlier serials, you will find this one as good as any of them.

Read "An Army Portia!"

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Immediately after Christmas we shall inaugurate the greatest Remnant Sale ever attempted in Marion. You will find Remnants and Short Lengths on every side, many of them containing enough for a dress. Silks, Black Goods, Dress Goods of every kind, Ginghams, Shirtings, Muslins, Etc., at ridiculous prices, to close them out before invoicing.

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Stylish Plush Reefers, Plush Sacqus and Jackets

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D.A. FRANK & CO.,

White Front, Masonic Block.

Notice to stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Huber Manufacturing company will be held on Monday, January 5th, 1891, at the office of the company, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the election of a board of seven directors and for such other business as may come before the meeting.
W. H. C. HUBER, President
E. DUNN, Secretary.

A Handsome Calendar for 1891, Free.
The Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City railway has issued one of the handsomest calendars we have yet seen for 1891.

Enclose three cents postage to T. H. Lord, G. P. and T. A. C., St. P. and K. C. Ry., Chicago, Ill., and copy will immediately be forwarded to your address.
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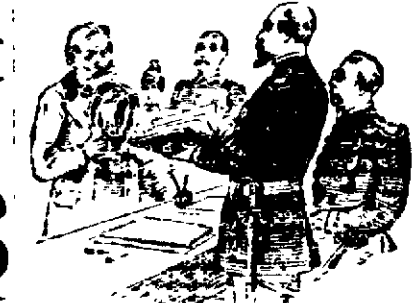
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